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Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-301

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: September 4, 2007

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-301, Invitation 073

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central time, Wednesday, September 19, 2007**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, October 10, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from November 16, 2007 through April 15, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen Apple Slices

30 lb.

35,640 cases

This invitation contains line item(s) identified as **"Kosher Only"**. Vendors must comply with applicable dietary (kosher) laws as established by the "613 Council of Kasruth". Vendors must contact the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York (BJENY) at (646) 472-5365 **prior to submitting a bid** to certify compliance with the applicable dietary (kosher) laws. A rabbinic supervisor will be sent by the BJENY to certify compliance with the dietary (kosher) laws.

Note: Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for **FY 2008**. The government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment that may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.



All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-301, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-301, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

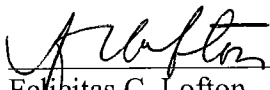
Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV301
 INVITATION : 073
 COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
 COMM TYPE : 50 APPLE SLICES, FROZEN
 PACK SIZE : 30 30 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/16/07 - 11/30/07					
001	BROOKLYN (KOSHER)	NY	TRUCK ONLY	3,960	**
002	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	2,640	
003	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	
004	PUEBLO WEST	CO	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/07 - 12/15/07					
005	CHEEKTOWAGA	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	**
006	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	6,600	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/01/08 - 01/15/08					
007	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	3,960	
008	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	330	
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	550	
	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	440	
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/08 - 01/31/08					
009	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	2,640	
010	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	
011	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	

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DELIVERY PERIOD 02/01/08 - 02/15/08					
012	CHEEKTOWAGA	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____ **
013	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
014	ELK RAPIDS	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
015	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/01/08 - 04/15/08					
016	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
017	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,320	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				35,640	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				35,640	


 Felicitas C. Lofton
 Contracting Officer
 Commodity Procurement Branch
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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